

The Parish of Saint Christopher

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General Information for Parents

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are continued part of your child's journey of faith. As you look back on your child's baptism and forwards to their confirmation and active participation in the life of the church, it is our hope to accompany you. We desire to prepare your child to understand and appreciate the depth of love Christ shows them (and us) in the healing sacrament of Reconciliation and in the gift of His very self in the most Holy Eucharist.

We encourage you, as the parents, and primary educators of the faith, to be involved at Sunday Mass, Parish life, in each of the activities and family assignments, and to foster family conversations at home, based on faith. We also hope that you will reflect on your journey as parents, and renew your commitment to continue grow your faith, love your children well and guide them as they grow in their own faith. This renewed commitment involves developing a genuine desire to participate in the Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Church.

Parent Responsibilities:

For our children to grow in their faith, it is vital that we as parents -

- Understand our own faith
- Are growing in our relationship with God
- Are living out the faith and setting a living example for our children.
- Understand and explain the importance of the sacraments to our children and share our own experiences so that our children understand the sacraments on a personal level.
- Support our children to attend Holy Mass and scheduled sacramental preparation.

This Information Packet is meant to be informative and to assist Candidates and their parents in the preparation for this Sacrament.

First Reconciliation: Wednesday May 21st, 2025

First Communion: Saturday June 21st & Sunday June 22th.

Registration form, a copy of the baptismal certificate & program fee <u>MUST BE</u> submitted on the day of your Meet & Greet as <u>they will not be accepted in the parish office</u>. Forms must be completed! Any missing information will be considered incomplete and not accepted.

***Please note: if your child was baptized at St. Christopher's, YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO BRING A PHOTOCOPY of the baptismal certificate.

Please do not hesitate to contact Levy Anne Revita with any questions you may have. Levy Anne's email is lramos@archtoronto.org

DATE	CLASS/ACTIVITY
Oct. 17 th , 18 th , 19 th , 21 st , 22 nd ,	Family Meet & Greet (book appt. online)
23 rd , 24 th , 25 th , 26 th , 28 th , 29 th , 30th	Registration, Baptismal Certificate
	& program fee required!
Monday January 6th &	FRHC Class One
Tuesday January 7 th	(Church)
(6-7pm, 7-7:30p with parents)	
Monday January 20th &	FRHC Class Two
Tuesday January 21 st	(Church)
(6-7pm, 7-7:30p with parents)	
Monday February 3 rd &	FRHC Class Three
Tuesday February 4 th	(Church)
(6-7pm, 7-7:30p with parents)	
Monday March 17th &	FRHC Class Four
Tuesday March 18th	(Church)
(6-7pm, 7-7:30p with parents)	
Monday March 31st &	FRHC Class Five
Tuesday April 1 st	(Church)
(6-7pm, 7-7:30p with parents)	
Monday April 28th &	FRHC Class Six
Tuesday April 29 th	(Church)
(6-7pm, 7-7:30p with parents)	
Monday May 12 th &	FRHC Class Seven
Tuesday May 13 th	(Church)
(6-7pm, 7-7:30p with parents)	
Wednesday May 21 st	First Reconciliation
(6:30-8:30)	Church
Monday May 26 th &	FRHC Class Eight
Tuesday May 27 th	(Church)
(6-7pm, 7-7:30p with parents)	
Monday June 9 th &	Rehearsal
Tuesday June 10th	(Church)
Saturday June 21 st (5pm)	First Communion Celebrations
Sunday June 22 nd (8:30, 10am, 12pm)	(Church)

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Preparation Timeline

First Communion Prayers

Note: Please practice these prayers with your child every day. Those prayers marked with an asterisk (*) are expected to be memorized.

The Sign of the Cross*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer* Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary* Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Angel of God Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Prayer before Meals (daily) Bless us, O Lord, and these, Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confiteor/I Confess... (Pray often)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever -Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

The Apostle's Creed (pray often)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell, and on the third day, He arose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Act of Contrition (We will use with our candidates) Dear God, I am sorry for all my sins. I am sorry for the wrong things I have done. I am sorry for all the good things I have failed to do. I will do better with your help. Amen.

Act of Contrition O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishment, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy Grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

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2024-2025 First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Registration Form

Child's Information			
Full legal name:			
First Name	Middle Name(s)		Last Name
□ Male □ Female Date of Birth:		City of Birth:	
Church of Baptism:		Date of Baptism:	
School Currently Attending:		Teacher & Grade:	
Family Information			
Mother (full legal name & maiden name)			
First Name Middle Name	(s)	Last Name	Maiden Name
Religion: 🗆 Roman Catholic 🗆 Other		□ No	ne
Present Address:		City/Town	Postal Code
□ I am a parent of, or have legal custody of th	e child.	City/Town	Postal Coue
<u>Father</u> (full legal name)			
First Name	Middle Name(s)		Last Name
Religion: 🗆 Roman Catholic 🗆 Other		🗆 No	ne
Present Address: □ Same as mother's □ Ot	ther:		
□ I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child.			
Siblings (please list first name(s) and age(s))			

Contact Information* (please print carefully) * *Both emails will be used in communications unless otherwise indicated or left blank.*

Email:	Phone:
<u>Father</u> Email: _	Phone:

Declaration and Consent

I, the undersigned, declare that the information on this form is true and accurate. I further understand that by registering my child in the program I will participate in all required activities.			
Signature:	Date:		
Office Administration			
Completed Registration Form	Notes/Remarks		
Baptismal Certificate	Meet & Greet Scheduled		
Program Fee (\$100.00)			
Date of Registration:			

*Please note we will not accept pictures of cropped images of the registration form.